RICARDO THE HEART GUY
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FEATURED CHARACTERS:

Finn
Jake
Princess Bubblegum
Lady, a rainicorn
Ice King
Tree Trunks, a tiny elephant
Ricardo the Heart Guy, a heart guy

THE ADVENTURE:

The episode opens in the Candy Kingdom with the ICE KING having captured PRINCESS BUBBLEGUM. He tucks her under his arm and is about to fly away when… FINN and JAKE arrive to save the day! They kick him in the beard and the Ice King bends over in pain. ICE KING: "Ow, my beard. Aw man, my beard, my beard." He tries to hit them with icy lightning bolts, which our heroes easily avoid. The battle rages on until the Ice King inexplicably stops and launches into a speech about how Finn and Jake are no match for his powers and "not even your really good looks can stop me this time!"

As the Ice King prattles on, Jake stretches his butt behind the Ice King. He slips Princess Bubblegum out from under Ice King's arm. He then morphs his butt into a Princess Bubblegum shape and takes her place. The Ice King continues to brag about how he's going to marry the Princess and that they'll have lots of couple friends. FINN: "There's no way you're gonna marry Princess Bubblegum." ICE KING: "Yes, I will!" FINN: "No way." ICE KING: "Uh huh!" FINN: "Yeah, right. You've never even kissed her!" ICE KING: "I will kiss her. I swear I will. I swear. Here, watch, I'm going to do it right now." The Ice King leans over and ever so gently asks Jake's princess-shaped butt, "May I kiss you?" The princess-shaped butt nods, and the Ice King kisses it on the cheek.

Jake and Finn reveal that the girl the Ice King kissed isn't Princess Bubblegum… it's Jake's butt. The Ice King gets really grossed out. He flies away in embarrassment, wiping his mouth. Princess Bubblegum thanks Finn and Jake for saving her yet again from the Ice King. PRINCESS: "How many times is it now?" Jake lifts up a fold of skin to reveal a bunch of marks marking how many times Finn has rescued the princess. JAKE: "A bunch." FINN: (to Princess) "Yeah, but you've saved me a bunch of times." Jake lifts up another fold of skin revealing more marks. JAKE: "Yeah, you've done that a bunch, too." FINN: "And we've both rescued that guy." All three look off in the distance to see a WEIRD-LOOKING CREATURE silently waving at them. Jake lifts up yet another fold of skin. JAKE: "Yeah, you guys saved that guy four-- no, five times."

Regardless, Princess Bubblegum insists on throwing a party in Finn and Jake's honor the next day. PRINCESS: "There will be teacups, and frilly tablecloths, and ballerinas and all sorts of girly stuff…" Finn and Jake try to hide their disappointment until Bubblegum laughs and says: "And we can watch this!" With that, Bubblegum presses a button on a locket around her neck. A virtual reality image of two peppermint gladiators appear and start attacking each other. Finn and Jake love it. They'll be there!

The next day, our heroes are on their way to the party. Finn made a TINY PAPER CRANE that he's bringing to the party because it's impolite to show up empty-handed. A beat, then Jake says: "I bet you wish you were my butt." FINN: "What?" JAKE: "I bet you wish you were my butt because then the princess—no, wait. I bet you wish you were the Ice King and the princess was my butt…" FINN: "Huh?" Frustrated, Jake blurts out what he's been trying to say. JAKE: "I bet you wish Bubblegum would kiss you, too! Like my butt!" Finn insists he's not interested in kisses from the princess, but it's clear a kiss from Bubblegum would rock his world.

Finn and Jake arrive at Princess Bubblegum's castle to find a group of PRINCESSES (many of whom we saw in "Meet the Ice King") and TREE TRUNKS in a circle, giggling and cooing. They step aside to reveal a tiny man shaped like a heart. He introduces himself as RICARDO THE HEART GUY. He is a suave little man who just got into town. He's a player and he'll hit on anything. Finn and Jake find it kind of funny when he hits on an old candy lady (RICARDO: "hey, she was young once!"), a vegetable garden (RICARDO: "It's a fact. All vegetables are female."), and even himself (RICARDO: "Don't knock it if you haven't tried it."). Finn does not find it funny at all, though, when Princess Bubblegum appears and Ricardo's heart-shaped body starts beating a mile a minute.

Finn presents his paper crane to the princess, who thanks him. RICARDO: "Man, I'm so embarrassed. I brought the same gift." Ricardo reveals that he has a large MECHANICAL CRANE, which drops a huge pile of LIVE BIRD CRANES at Bubblegum's feet. Bubblegum dives into the flock of cranes, laughing. She thanks Finn and Jake for bringing such a cute guy to the party. Finn tries to explain they don't know Ricardo, but he's drowned out as the party begins.

During the party, Ricardo totally monopolizes Princess Bubblegum and compliments her on being so successful. The party, which was supposed to celebrate Finn and Jake, quickly turns out to be a celebration of Ricardo instead. Finn is furious, but Jake admits he kinda likes Ricardo's moxie. That is, until LADY THE RAINICORN remarks at how cute Ricardo is. Suddenly, Jake decides he hates him, too. The only other person that dislikes Ricardo is a CANDY-HEART SHAPED GUY with the words, "BE MINE", written across his chest. CANDY HEART: "Shucks, what does Ricardo have that I haven't got?"

Finn thinks it's weird that Ricardo just appeared out of nowhere, and is paying so much attention to Bubblegum. He must be up to no good. After the party he convinces Jake to

follow Ricardo, and they find him in an alley… talking to the Ice King! That proves it! Ricardo is definitely up to no good. After Ricardo leaves, Finn and Jake corner the Ice King and demand to know what the two of them are plotting. ICE KING: "He was just telling me about how happy he is and all the girls he's hitting on."

Jake points out to Finn how the Ice King is not his normal, frisky, annoying self. It's pretty clear he's too much of a mess to plot anything with anyone. The Ice King says he's given up trying to capture princesses. After his recent defeat, his heart is just not in it anymore. Finn and Jake congratulate the Ice King for turning over a new leaf. ICE KING: "But what am I going to do with myself now?" JAKE: "Whatever you want, man." FINN: "Yeah, what kind of stuff do you like to do?" ICE KING: "Ice. I like ice." JAKE: "Go with that then, man." ICE KING: "Okay." Finn and Jake excuse themselves as they have to track Ricardo, whom Finn still thinks is up to no good. FADE TO:

Later that day, the Ice King roams Ooo. He pushes a CART WITH ICE INSIDE and rings a bell. A bunch of kids run up to him yelling: "It's the Ice Cream Man! "It's the Ice Cream Man!" ICE KING: "I'm not the Ice Cream Man. I'm the Ice Man." KIDS: "Oh. Can we have some ice, then?" A beat. The socially awkward Ice King doesn't know what to say to the kids and shouts: "No!"

The kids run off crying as the oblivious Ice King wonders for the billionth time why he's such a failure at everything. The Ice King stomps off into a nearby stream and accidentally saves a puppy who was floating helplessly towards a waterfall. The puppy climbs up on the Ice King's right shoulder and starts lapping his cheek. ICE KING: "Huh." The Ice King continues walking and trips over a rope on the ground, which leads down a nearby well. The Ice King's tripping causes the rope to yank a bucket (containing another helpless puppy) up out of the well and onto his left shoulder. The new puppy laps the Ice King's other cheek. ICE KING: "Huh." FADE TO:

Meanwhile, Finn and Jake continue to stalk Ricardo the Heart Guy – ducking behind trees and bushes, somersaulting across alleys. They see him emerge from a shop carrying a bunch of SCARY LOOKING KNIVES and ROPE. Jake and Finn jump out of a nearby bush and ask Ricardo what he's doing. RICARDO: "None of your business!" FINN: "It is our business!" RICARDO: "Oh yeah?" FINN: "Yeah!" RICARDO: "Oh YEAH?!" FINN: "YEAH! You stay away from the princess with all that stuff!" RICARDO: "You think you can make me?" FINN: "Yeah, I do!" RICARDO: "Oh yeah?" FINN: "Yeah!" RICARDO: Oh YEAH?!" FINN: "YEAH!"

Finn cocks his hand back and Jake yells, "Noooooooooooo!" But it's too late. Finn smacks Ricardo a good one right in the kisser! Reveal Princess Bubblegum, who saw Finn hit Ricardo. Princess Bubblegum explains that she asked Ricardo to get the knives and ropes for a crafts project they're doing together. Finn tries to apologize, but it's too little too late. Princess Bubblegum invites Ricardo back to her castle to clean him up, and the two exit.

Finn and Jake are feeling really bad, when they see the Ice King, now covered in puppies. The strangest thing of all, though, is the Ice King is smiling! The Ice King explains to our heroes that he's made quite a career out of saving puppies from danger. He points to the various puppies explaining, "this one was about to fall in a volcano… and this one was cursed by a witch… and this little guy was trapped in a burning tree…" Jake suggests that Finn give Princess Bubblegum a tiny puppy as an apology. FINN: "That's a great idea!"

Jake, Finn and the Ice King walk into the Princess's castle… only to find her tied up! Ricardo the heart guy is standing over her with one of his giant knives! Ricardo admits he was evil all along, just as Finn and Jake suspected. Now he's going to cut open Princess Bubblegum and take her heart's place and live inside her forever. ICE KING: "This all my fault." Jake and Finn turn to the Ice King, confused. A dramatic beat as the Ice King reveals… Ricardo is his heart!

Through flashback, the Ice King explains that after he failed to capture Princess Bubblegum, his heart became sick of all his failures. It magically left his body and became Ricardo, and set out to find a new successful body to take over. The Ice King felt empty and alone and admits he ate more ice than was good for him to fill the void. When Finn and Jake saw the Ice King and Ricardo talking in the alley, the Ice King was begging for him to come back.

We come out of flashback to reveal a triumphant Jake standing over Ricardo, who is now tied up. Finn, meanwhile, is wrapping a blanket around the free Princess Bubblegum. ICE KING: "What happened?"

Through flashback, Finn explains that while the Ice King was telling his story through flashback, Finn and Jake staged a daring rescue. Once Princess Bubblegum was freed, they tied up Ricardo the heart guy so he couldn't hurt anyone ever again.

We come out of flashback to reveal Ricardo and the Ice King are now gone, and Jake is eating a bowl of spaghetti. FINN: "What happened?"

Though flashback, Jake explains that while Finn was telling his story through flashback, Ricardo asked the Ice King what was with all the puppies. The Ice King explained he rescued them. Ricardo realized that the Ice King wasn't a complete failure, and went back inside his body. As soon as that happened, the Ice King went back to being his normal self, swore he'd be back to steal Princess Bubblegum another day, and flew off with his puppies. After that, Jake went out to get some spaghetti and meatballs.

We come out of flashback one final time to reveal while Jake was telling that story, Princess Bubblegum went and got Finn and her some spaghetti and meatballs, too. She thanks them for saving her yet again, but doesn't understand how Finn was so sure Ricardo was evil. It quickly becomes apparent to the Princess that Finn had no evidence and just didn't like Ricardo because he was jealous. Although Finn denies it, Princess Bubblegum thinks that is really sweet, and gives him a kiss on the cheek.

JAKE: “Dude, are you blushing?” FINN: “Uh, no, it’s just tomato sauce.” Finn splatters some tomato sauce on his cheeks and then quickly changes the subject. FINN: “Princess, weren’t you going to show us that cool thing with the peppermint gladiator fighters?” PRINCESS: “Oh yeah.” Bubblegum presses a button on a locket and the virtual reality gladiators appear and start fighting. The trio happily slurp their spaghetti and cheer on the gladiators, as Jake stretches his arm and keeps trying to make Finn and Bubblegum hold hands.

PAN OVER to the open window, where the WEIRD-LOOKING CREATURE from before continues to silently wave at them from afar.

THE END

OVER CREDITS:

Inside the Ice King’s lair, the Ice King asked Ricardo where he got the crane that he gave the princess. CUT TO:

A song that is remarkably similar to “She Works Hard for the Money” by Donna Summers plays over the following still images:

- Ricardo, wearing a wife beater, digs up an ancient mechanical crane from a scrapyard. The scrapyard is covered in dirt moss, which has grown over old trash.
- Ricardo fixes the machine.
- Ricardo takes off his shirt and drinks a cold one.
- Ricardo is feeding crane babies in a pond with bread crumbs.
- The cranes, now older, snuggle up against Ricardo as if he was their mother.
- Ricardo places the cranes inside the now-completed mechanical crane.
- A still from the episode of Ricardo giving the princess the present.
- A still shot of the weird-looking creature, still off in the distance, waving goodbye to the audience.